

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 04-6

Petition of New England Gas Company for Approval of its Long-Range Forecast and Resource Plan for the five-year period November 1, 2003 through October 31, 2008 pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 69 (I) et seq.

The Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") has received the petition of New England Gas Company ("New England" or "Company") for approval of its Long Range Forecast and Resource Plan, encompassing November 1, 2003 through October 31, 2008. The Department will review the Company's sendout forecast for appropriateness and accuracy, and will review the company's supply plan for adequacy and cost.

Upon the foregoing petition, the Department will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday March 10, 2004, at 2:00 p.m., at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

A copy of the Company's petition and filing is available for inspection at the Department's offices at One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts; at the offices of the Company, 115 North Main Street, Fall River, Massachusetts.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding concerning the above petition must file an original and two copies of a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA. 02110 and one copy with the Company's attorney:

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A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03, including a description of the manner in which the petitioner is substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late filed petition

may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01 (4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03 (1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written pleadings or comments also must be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" floppy diskette, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the diskette label must specify: (1) an easily identifiable case caption; (2) docket number [D.T.E. 04-6]; (3) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (4) a brief descriptive title of the document (e.g. comments or petition to intervene). The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix) or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

By Order of the Department,

MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY